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Musicians provide Christmas joy for weekend crowds

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Wartburg Wrestlers rule the week

CAMPUS

▼SANTA CLAUS—Students are invited to get their pictures taken with Santa today from 6 to 8 p.m. in Buhr Lounge. There will be Christmas treats, including hot cider, hot cocoa, candy and more. The event is free and is sponsored by the Campus Activites Board Special Events committee.

▼COLUMNIST CONTEST—Are you interested in writing a column for the *Trumpet* next term? Feel like you can educate and entertain Wartburg readers on topics they are interested in? Submit a usable column by Christmas Break, along with a description of what kinds of topics you would cover and why you are interested in being a columnist. Please send your column to Eric Allen, Box 307, or e-mail "Trumpet." The *Trumpet* will solicit a student response to contest entries, which will help determine who columnizes.

▼SYMPHONY CONCERT—The Wartburg Community Symphony will present a celebration of Christmas Saturday at 2 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium. Liz Mathis, executive-in-residence, will narrate "Good King Wenceslas," a musical story about the German king for whom the well-known Christmas carol is named. Concert admission is free for Wartburg students.

▼JAZZ BAND CONCERT—The Wartburg College Knightlighters Jazz Band and Jazz Band II will present a concert at 8 p.m. Friday in Buhr Lounge. The program will consist of an assortment of jazz tunes.

Diversity causes dilemmas

by Arika Jackson
Staff Writer

Wartburg may have record-breaking numbers in minority recruitment, but many African-American students said they want out of Wartburg, and minority numbers in personnel are low.

Both new and returning African-American students said they feel uneasy with the Wartburg community environment as it stands, stressing concerns that there is not enough support for them.

Third-year transfer student Monique Adeghe describes her first semester as "floating."

"I just don't fit in here," she said.

Lack of support and a variety of other reasons have many African-American students wanting to transfer out.

The majority of African-American students at Wartburg are from large urban cities where it is not uncommon to see someone of a different race in school or in the neighborhood.

Many of these students may or may not have had a campus visit before actually attending the college, so Wartburg becomes a disappointment to them.

"Man, they (the admissions staff) lied to me," said one student.

Director of Admissions Doug Bowman said he would have to know how admissions could have lied to students to respond to the accusation.

"We are not a perfect college, no college is," said Bowman.

When admissions counselors are recruiting students to come to Wartburg they said they look for students who are in good academic standing and involved in activities.

The counselors' concern is to get students to come to campus for a visit.

"We want them to know that we are interested in them as students," said Bowman.

Potential African-American students have the opportunity to talk with a panel, Forming A Culture of Equal Standings (FACES).

The panel was started this year by admissions counselor Marcus Newsome. It consists

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Photo by Nathan Friesen

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT—Freshman Watae Mickey, a minority student at Wartburg, posed for this picture in the cafeteria, where racial segregation is perhaps most evident. One African-American student said of Wartburg, "I just don't fit in here."

Wartburg sketchy in past on diversity track record

by Suzanne Behnke
Staff Writer

Arguments over Wartburg's support of diversity are not new.

In the 1993-94 academic school year, two professors were not granted reappointment. Both were international faculty members.

James Pence, the dean of faculty at the time, said low numbers in the departments warranted the decision.

Spanish professor Jaime Gomez and philosophy professor Heimer Geirrson were taken off the tenure track and offered one-year contracts ending in May 1995. Both left at the end of the 1993-94 school year.

Another student, Milena Simon, also wrote a letter to the editor on that date saying, "As an international student, I feel that I am wanted here to serve the purpose of being a statistic for the school to look good."

Gomez was from Chile, and Geirrson was from Iceland.

Tenure positions are offered to professors in departments where a long-term need has been established.

Spanish majors declined from 1988 to 1993. Philosophy interest remained the same.

Wartburg College President Robert Vogel said in the *Trumpet* on Nov. 22, 1993, "I believe these decisions have been made ethically."

"The hope is always that out of hard decisions, some creative possibilities emerge."

Recent burglaries on campus make students wary

by Kel Hocker
Staff Writer

Wartburg's bubble of security burst for a few students who had items taken from their dorm rooms recently.

This has prompted others to worry about the security of their belongings as they prepare to leave for Christmas Break.

Junior Mark Hargrafen was one of the victims. Hargrafen returned from Thanksgiving Break to find over $2,100 worth of his possessions missing from his Ottersberg House room.

The items stolen included his stereo, which had a 100-disk CD changer with 100 CDs in it, a receiver and VCR.

Hargrafen said he now always locks his door.

"It is pretty sad that you can't trust people," said Hargrafen.

Hargrafen said residents in Ottersberg are locking their doors more because of the thefts.

His room was left unlocked over break because of a miscommunication between him and his roommate. Hargrafen said he went home thinking his roommate was going back to the room before he left. Instead, his roommate left directly for home after his last class.

Ottersberg residents have reported theft from other rooms as well. Senior Chris Reade and junior Mike Simbro reported that a Sega game, rented movie, bottle of cologne and two bottles of detergent were missing.

The suitemates left their rooms locked before break and returned to find them unlocked. Simbro said they "didn't have a problem before" and wasn't much to be done about it now.

Theft struck Residence Suite 121 North while they were sleeping on Nov. 26.

A VCR, Sega system and the tape in it, and a bike were taken from the suite.

Sophomore Jason Grant, who owned the Sega game, noticed the missing items when he was leaving for his 7:35 a.m. class.

Freshman Nick Neymeyer owned the VCR, and Jim Judson, also a freshman, had temporarily traded his bike for the one taken.

This wasn't the first time something had been taken from the suite. Earlier in the year, Grant left his room unlocked while he went to his home in Waverly and found $120 missing from his desk drawer when he returned.

The suite used to keep their room open during the day; now they keep it locked.

Theft here at Wartburg, even during breaks, "doesn't usually happen," according to Security Chief Bud Potter.

Photo by Nathan Friesen

THE SCENE OF THE CRIME—Juniors Mark Hargrafen and Benjamin Christensen stand where Hargrafen's stereo was before it was taken from his room during Thanksgiving Break.

Nevertheless, some students are worried about leaving their belongings unprotected over Christmas Break.

"I'm a bit concerned," said sophomore Sarah Wolfgram. "However, I hope there will be fewer people on campus because it's a longer break, and that Wartburg security will be around patrolling to make sure nothing bad is going on."

NEWS
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Wartburg Trumpet

Class, faculty evaluations underway

by Amy Silver
Staff Writer

'Tis the season for student evaluations.

The term student evaluations is more accurately called "student rating of instruction," said Dr. Fred Ribich, director of assessment. Students are capable of rating, but only faculty committees and administration members may evaluate a professor, he said.

The purpose of student ratings is to provide feedback about the overall effectiveness of a course and to complete one component of a continual system of evaluating faculty members, said Ribich.

The process begins with the completion and delivery of forms to the Assessment Center.

Ratings are then entered into a database and remain on file until after final grades are submitted.

Faculty members receive the original rating sheets in addition to a class summary and a campus-wide summary of courses approximately one week later. The summaries are then distributed to the department chairs and the dean of faculty.

Student ratings remain necessary for both tenured and non-tenured faculty.

"I consider [student ratings] to be very important. I make course changes on students' suggestions," said Dr. Roberta Bodensteiner, professor of education.

The ratings are often taken into consideration when assessing a non-tenured faculty member for contract renewal, a promotion or tenure.

Tenured faculty members are also required to distribute student rating forms in at least three of their courses per year.

Student ratings allow faculty to receive feedback and to remain "sharp and improved," said Ribich.

Tenured faculty are also evaluated by colleagues every six years in a departmental review. During the reviews, student ratings are helpful in determining faculty performance, said Ribich.

The rating process receives a mixed review among students and faculty. "I would make the evaluations in the middle of the term," said sophomore Sarah Schneider.

Others believe more emphasis should be placed on the written portion of the rating forms.

"The [comment section] is extremely valuable and important," said Dr. Denis Drolet, professor of chemistry.

The student rating forms are currently being revised and updated, said Ribich.

"We are trying to build in more flexibility to allow for different strategies in teaching," he said.

Photo by Nathan Friesen

STUDENT FIRING LINE — Students complete end of term evaluation forms, which Director of Assessment Fred Ribich says is important in helping professors evaluate and update their classes.

New security phones freeze out students

by Kendra Kehe
News Editor

Wartburg's Blue Light Special has hit a red light.

The new security phones recently installed on campus hit a glitch during recent bad weather, making many students unhappy.

Sophomore Jennifer Sherman said she was angered when a few weeks ago she could not use the security phone in D-lot. She said the number pad on the phone was frozen because of a recent snow and ice storm.

"I was upset," Sherman said. "The phones are supposed to be out there (on campus) to help you, but I couldn't use the phone because the buttons were stuck."

Security Chief Bud Potter said he was unaware there were any problems with the security phones.

Potter said according to Ranpac Co., who sold Wartburg the phones, the phones are supposed to be all-weather, being able to withstand inclement weather.

According to Potter, Wartburg security will look into the problem and make sure the phones work in bad weather.

Potter said one thing security could possibly do to alleviate the problem would be to build shelters around the phones so phones don't freeze up.

"I'm glad they (security) are listening to these problems," Sherman said.

According to John Wuertz, plant superintendent, the blue lights do not work on top of the security phones because electricity is not hooked up yet. Wuertz said he hopes the contracted electrician will have the project completed in a few weeks.

Minority students voice frustrations

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of 14 current African-American students who lead discussions with visiting African-American students about what life is really like at Wartburg. The panel also plans activities that introduce them to other students while they are on campus.

The admissions staff has successfully recruited students from as far away as Florida, California and Arizona, but the administration has failed so far to provide a faculty that mirrors the new diverse student body.

"I need a role model, a black woman in a faculty position," said sophomore Teresa Honeycutt.

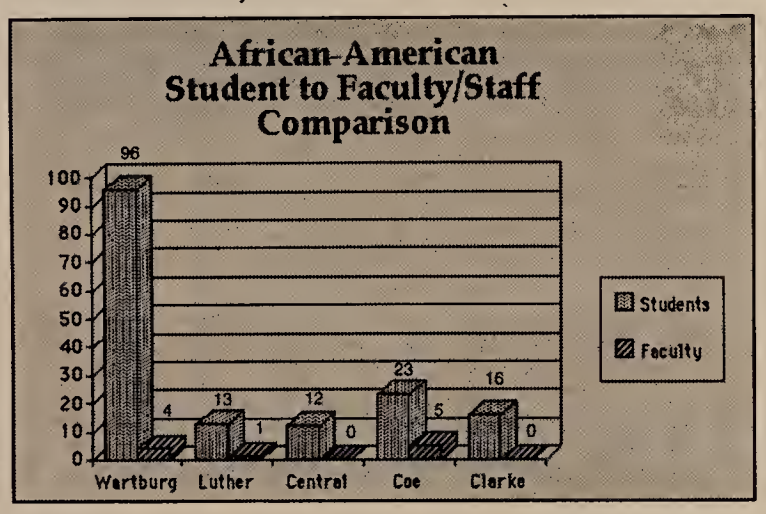
Currently, Wartburg has three full-time African-American staff members: Financial Aid Director Jamie Hightower, Diversity Recruitment Coordinator Newsome and Student Diversity Programs Rickey Hall. There is only one full-time African-American faculty member, Mannie Holmes in social work. He is a visiting professor.

"It is often easy to lose sight of the need to build communities that are open and inclusive, especially when we inhabit one that is as heterogeneous as ours," said Dean of Faculty Mary-Margaret Smith in a letter to faculty members.

"There is a job to do," said Smith, regarding the creation of an environment that meets the needs of students and faculty/staff alike.

In conducting searches for open positions for faculty, the administration said they are looking for a diverse poll of qualified candidates.

Realizing that it is not easy to live in Waverly, the office said they will draw from its connections in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area where people are already comfortable with the diverse living community.



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Reflections on Christmas Past

by Matt Hibbard
Staff Writer

Christmas with Wartburg entranced audiences across the state during last weekend's shows in Waverly, Cedar Falls and Des Moines.

The traditional Christmas performance kicked off the holiday season in Iowa. All four concerts — two in Neumann Auditorium, one in Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls and one in the Des Moines Civic Center — were in front of packed houses, which is typical.

This year's production will be shown on KWWL Channel 7 at 10:35 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 3:30 p.m. Christmas Day, allowing more people to view the show.

Those in the audience are not the only people who appreciate and gain from Christmas with Wartburg. The members of the ensembles involved in the show say they appreciate the experience a great deal, despite the long hours rehearsing, traveling and performing.

"The amount of time we put into it is completely worth it during and after the shows," said junior Dan Wardell.

Past performers have similar sentiments. Angie (Hibbard) Buffington, a member of the choir from 1988-91, emphasized the emotional aspects of performing in something that has become so meaningful for so many people.

"The entire production is so spiritually powerful. As a performer, it is impossible not to become emotionally entangled in the greatness of Christmas with Wartburg," Buffington said.

She was part of the first Christmas with Wartburg performance in the Des Moines Civic Center; expectations weren't high.

"All the performers were skeptical that we'd ever have a respectable-sized crowd, but the Civic Center was filled to capacity," she said.

Since then, though, Wartburg's performances have become an increasingly popular event at the Civic Center. Each year the shows there are standing-room-only.

Another past performer in Christmas with Wartburg, Matt Pries, '95, echoed the sentiments of Buffington.

"It is truly a magnificent show each year," Pries said, "and it was a privilege to be a part of it."

Pries also said that the performances were very emotional for him, and shared specific memories, including former band director Dr. Robert E. Lee's final Christmas with Wartburg. "Everyone loved him and everyone would sing at his cue," Pries said.

Reminiscing about past concerts is not all that is meaningful to these former performers. Coming back to see the shows every year can also be very emotional.

"It is extremely meaningful for me to come back and watch the show. It's very emotional, and wonderful to know that such a great tradition continues," said Pries.

"Christmas with Wartburg encompasses so much of what Wartburg College is about, what Christmas is all about, what being a Christian is all about," said Buffington.

She is not alone in her feelings. For many people, Christmas with Wartburg defines the college itself, and starts the holiday season. For the college, community and state, Christmas would not be the same without Christmas with Wartburg.

KING OF LIGHT!

Photos by Jennifer Sherman
ABOVE—Josh Greubel, a freshman euphonium player in the Wartburg College Concert Band, sends notes skyward during a performance. **LEFT**—Wartburg Choir members concetrate as they sing about Jesus coming to earth.

Photos by Jennifer Sherman (above) and Nathan Friesen (left)
ABOVE—The CastleSingers delighted audiences with their version of "Ding Dong! Merrily on High!" **LEFT**—Sophomore Wartburg College Concert Band member Mike Nehre is at peace, contemplating the meaning of the season.

OPINION

Eric Allen ■ Editor / Carrie Lawton ■ Assignment Editor

Wartburg Trumpet

Editorial

Accepting others

Five African-American and two white Wartburg students walked into Waverly's Wal-Mart after midnight recently and over the loudspeaker they heard: "Please turn on security cameras in Section 3."

Do you think that angered those students? You bet. Further investigation revealed Wal-Mart turns its security system on when people enter the store in a group after midnight no matter what they look like. But it didn't seem ridiculous to the students to assume it was because they were black.

I think that's because it's safe to say that people exist in an Iowa community that aren't comfortable around people of other races, religions or sexual orientation. Think they exist on this campus? Yep, I've talked to many who aren't.

In this week's issue, the *Trumpet* addresses how Wartburg is handling an influx of African-American and foreign students. On this page, Dannel Mitchell writes about studies saying gay men are born that way.

Some students have told me they feel like they are constantly battling against the odds. I can't even imagine what that must feel like. If the prototypical stereotype of an American male is middle-class, heterosexual, Christian, and white, I'm it.

But how does that give me the right to say mine is the "correct" life? (Everyone else's therefore being "incorrect.") I once heard someone say the chances of you being *you* are like the odds of finding a nickel in all of the water in the world!

To be punished for being that nickel is injustice.

A letter came into the *Trumpet Online* this week (www.wartburg.edu/trumpet) from a past assistant professor of computer science who says "I long for the day . . . when I could go back to Wartburg as an openly gay, Christian man and join the faculty."

This is a great time of year to look for an example of how to practice accepting others, even if you don't agree with them. This weekend 270 Wartburg musicians shared the message of the birth of a man, Jesus Christ, who accepted all. For me, his example fills this season with peace.

Eric Allen, Editor

Brownies thank Wartburg students

Dear Wartburg students,

Thank you for supporting our Girl Scout cookie booth we had on campus on Nov. 15. You helped us earn extra money to support our troop in our activities for the school year.

Thank you for being patient while we counted back your change. Thank you for being polite and helpful to us as we are learning to do new things. We heard from a lot of students who told us stories of when they sold Girl Scout cookies. We listened and sang along as a group of former Girl Scouts sang songs to us. It was a fun day and we hope we will be invited back next year.

THANKS WARTBURG!

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Column

Christmas isn't universal

Izumi Yamashita

Around the World

Christmas. The holiest season in a year is approaching Wartburg. For me, being a non-Christian, it is such a neat thing to see the biggest Christian celebration.

Wartburg students are stressed out with final assignment and exams, and this "hell" continues until the end of the semester, but at the same time they are enjoying this sacred and joyful season.

I wonder how many people have ever thought about this: Christmas is not that important for two-thirds of the people in the world?

Speaking of my culture, the New Year is more important than Christmas though some Christmas traditions like exchanging gifts and decorating Christmas trees are practiced by Japanese people.

To me, the New Year celebration is the most sacred in a year and the time to be with family and to eat special food. In a sense, it is just like Thanksgiving celebration in the United States.

In terms of Christmas break at Wartburg, it is too short to celebrate New Year holidays for Japanese people.

The most important season differs according to which religion, ethnicity, race, culture and nation you belong to. For most of the minority and international students at Wartburg, they can't have days off to celebrate their special holidays.

Some of you might say "They chose to study in a Christian college, so don't complain about not having special treatment."

Well, I would not complain about it, rather I am enjoying experiencing Christian culture by living in this environment. But the thing that I want Wartburg to know is: there are a variety of holidays around the world.

Letter

Are gay men born that way?

Gay men often claim that even as children they knew they were somehow "different" from other boys. Many say they knew before their puberty stages began. And yet, though researchers have tried for decades to identify a biological basis for homosexuality — which seems to be present in all human societies — they have mostly come up dry. But in the end, there has been little proof that biology is sexual destiny.

We all must understand that sexuality is an important part of who we are and now we have a specific part of the brain to look at and study to find out more about why some men are gay. In my research of trying to know more about homosexuality, I have come across some startling details. A biologists by the name of Simon LeVay, at San Diego's Salk Institute for Biological Studies, found that one tiny region in the brain of homosexual men was more like that in women than that in heterosexual men.

The specific part is found at the front of the hypothalamus in an area of the brain that is known to help regulate male sexual behavior.

As being the President of GABLES and Friends I will continue to see that the education on homosexuality is addressed in a proper manner. On that note I will continue to submit letters once every two weeks, about homosexual literature, poets, history, my personal views, struggles and the outcome of the struggles about the gay liberation.

I would love to answer any questions you have, and I will answer your questions in the next letter I submit to the *Trumpet*. If you wish to ask me a question you can either email me at Mitchelld, or write me a letter and send it to Dannel M. Mitchell box 1521. I want you to remember that my goal is not to make you accept homosexuality nor come out of the closet. I am simply "educating" the campus about homosexuality so one can be more open-minded to all walks of life. I stress that you make up an anonymous nick name, so I can address the answer to you.

Dannel M. Mitchell, freshman

Letter

Dinner with President Vogel in the land of bier and brats

Hello Wartburg College, and Guten Tag from the land of Bier and Bratwurst!!! Even though Ethan Bonebrake and I have been in Germany now for two months, we still like to keep in contact with 'ye ole homeland'.

It was Tuesday, Nov. 26. I was a little sick, so I stayed home from the one class I had. At about 11:30 Ethan came tearing into the room yelling something about lunch with President Vogel. Ethan had checked his email and found that President Vogel and his wife were in the area, and wanted to have lunch with us. The same day. Ethan had run to a phone and left a message at the Vogel's hotel saying where they could meet us if they got the message in time.

After combing hair and brushing teeth, Ethan and I jumped onto the bus and went to the city center where we were to meet President Vogel and his wife.

"Hey Ethan, I bet that President Vogel doesn't know what we look like," I said as we stood waiting for him to arrive. As the 1:00 hour approached, I saw a silver beacon in the distance. So Ethan and I made our way over to him ... he walked up to us ... and kept going. After standing next to him for a minute, I introduced myself. His wife thought the whole thing was pretty funny. It was.

Along with us on this little adventure was Corina Kruse, the student from Jena who studied at Wartburg last year. She bumped into Ethan and I while we were waiting and we invited her to come with us to lunch. So we processed off to eat lunch.

The only time I had met President Vogel previously was for 9.8 seconds when I had taken a visitation day to Wartburg my senior year of high school. He said, give or take a little on the word order, "Right now you're probably sitting there thinking, 'I'm pretty smart.' Well, I'm here to tell you...You're even better." So I looked forward to this opportunity to have a more meaningful conversation.

In Jena right now, a Christmas Market is being set up on the town square. It seems that he and his wife had driven their rental car right into the middle of the set up, and then had an awful time trying to get out! Although I didn't witness this event first hand, he told the story with such vigor, that I didn't have to be.

It took two and a half hours to eat lunch, and we covered every possible topic.

I was glad that I had hoisted myself out of bed long enough to come to lunch. Ethan and I would like to thank the Vogels for their invitation to lunch and for the live communication with Wartburg College. With only two hours to plan for a meeting, we think we did fairly well.

Thus ends the tale of "Lunchtime with the Pres."

From Germany,
Jesse Leichsenring
junior

Building men up by tearing down walls

by Matt Hibbard
Staff Writer

In recent years, a group steadily growing in popularity has been filling stadiums all across the nation, but no women have been allowed.

Several Wartburg men have become involved with Promise Keepers. These 12 attended one of this year's conferences in Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 11-12.

Promise Keepers is a Christian group made up entirely of men, dealing with issues that men face every day. Their mission statement reads: "Promise Keepers is a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to uniting men through vital relationships to become godly influences in their world."

The first conference was in July 1991 and included 4,200 men gathered in the University of Colorado's basketball arena. Over one million men attended 22 conferences across the country this year.

The group centers on "The Seven Promises," which are taken from Biblical instruction on spiritual growth. The Seven Promises are not a set of rigid rules, but "commitments to grow" by.

"[Promise Keepers] focuses on dealing with the issues that men face," said junior Justin Boeding, one of the men who attended the conference.

"It's about building men of God," said junior Perry Petersen.

Promise Keepers' no-women policy has often been criticized since the group's inception. Many feel that Promise Keepers is chauvinistic.

According to Petersen, though, that is not the case. The group is "trying desperately to make men more responsible, more committed to their families, committed to their churches," he said.

The reason that the Promise Keepers' message is specific to men is it addresses specific men's issues. One of the primary goals is to deepen the commitment of men to respect and honor women.

Why no women then?

"Compared to women, [men] tend to struggle with communication. We have an inability to communicate our feelings, and that's easier to do without women around," said Boeding.

Despite Promise Keepers' exclusivity, one of its main focuses is to eliminate barriers between races as well as between men and women. The theme for this year's conferences was "Breaking Down the Walls." The group strives to achieve unity between people by first uniting its members and teaching them how to relate to others.

"Seeing 55,000 men express their faith through singing, yelling, laughing, crying and praying was one of the greatest things I've ever witnessed," said Boeding.

Photo provided by Josh Miller

COMING TOGETHER IN MEMPHIS—Twelve Wartburg students attended a Promise Keepers convention in Memphis, Tenn. in October. Back row, l to r: Justin Boeding, Nathan Pipho, Josh Milller, Ben Anderson, Derek Miller and Perry Petersen. Middle row, l to r: Andrew Vickers, Aaron Strumpel (in front of Vickers), Ryan Serber, Jeff Britten and Shawn Anfinson, from Crown Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn. Front: Graham Schardt.

A Promise Keeper Is:

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4. Committed to building strong marriages and families through love, protection and biblical values.

5. Committed to supporting the mission of his church by honoring and praying for his pastor, and by actively giving his time and resources.

6. Committed to reaching beyond any racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of Biblical unity.

7. Committed to influencing his world, being obedient to the Great Commandment (see Mark 12:30-31) and the Great Commission (see Matthew 28:19-20).

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'101 Dalmatians' at top of holiday season

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Review

by Sara Baker
News Editor

This Christmas season, shoppers are seeing spots.

Dalmation-inspired items are everywhere, and the cause is as clear as, well, black and white.

The spotty hubbub is a result of *101 Dalmatians*, Disney's new live-action film based on the animated classic by the same name, in theaters now.

The movie takes place in England and revolves around Roger (Jeff Daniels), Anita (Joley Richardson) and their respective Dalmatians, Pongo and Perdy. Both sets meet, fall in love and get married — the humans in a church with rings, the Dalmatians outside the church with meaningful glances.

Events pass (as events will in a household of newlyweds) and soon Perdy is expecting a litter of puppies. When Anita's old boss, fashion designer Cruella De Vil (Glenn Close), hears about the blessed event, she sets out to buy the puppies and make them into a full-length fur coat.

When Perdy gives birth to 15 puppies and Roger and Anita refuse to sell, Cruella hires Horace and Jasper, two inept thugs, to swipe the pups. The two men take the forlorn woofers to Cruella's remote country estate and add them to her ill-gotten litter, bringing the total to 99.

With the help of a slew of farm animals, the dogs escape, and Horace, Jasper and Cruella pursue them in a wickedly funny chase scene.

Close is marvelous as Cruella, one of Disney's classic baddies. She is unrestrained and wild with her two-tone hair and lush fur outfits. She cackles and camps, primps and plots, struts and shrieks. This is the type of role actresses can only dream of: the chance to bring a cartoon character to life. Close is definitely up to the outlandish task. That she's having the time of her life filling the dastardly role of Cruella is evident.

The highlight of the movie is watching the impeccably dressed and made-up Cruella fall — literally — into one sticky situation after another, becoming more bedraggled each time.

Bridges and Richardson are believable as the happy couple, bringing two likeable characters to life on the screen.

The thugs, Mark Williams and Hugh Laurie, are initially funny, but their characters soon give way to physical humor and painful pratfalls, *a la* the two unfortunate house invaders in *Home Alone*, and Joan Plowright as the bustling housekeeper is warm, funny and matronly.

And then there are the dogs.

These adorable critters are what make this passably good movie into an enjoyable movie. With cuteness multiplied 101 times on the screen, you'd have to *work* to make the movie bad.

Although it's tempting to compare the live action movie with the 1961 cartoon, don't do it. This year's movie follows the same plotline as the cartoon, but that is where the similarities end.

The animated version brings sparkle to the story no live action depiction ever can. The cartoon's best scenes are with the Dalmatians, all of whom can talk in this version, but are not afforded that luxury in this year's version.

The cartoon is narrated by Pongo, and these cartoon animals seem almost as human as Roger, Anita and Cruella. Although the live dogs are quite adorable and at times sport better facial expressions than Sylvester Stallone could ever dream of, they aren't the main characters. They're fuzzy but pleasant backdrops.

In all, *101 Dalmatians* is a fun trot through England, complete with wild costumes, funny characters and more cuteness than you can shake a stick at.

Seeing Spots:

Fun facts about the furry stars of 101 Dalmatians

- The puppies were not purchased, but hired from puppy breeders on the British Isles.
- The puppies lived in custom-built, colorful kennels and had an exercise run, a personal trainer and around-the-clock veterinarians.
- Trainers used verbal praise and edible treats to train the diminutive dogs.
- Because the puppies grew so quickly, they were used no longer than four weeks; the average stay for a dog was one week.
- Make-up artist Wendy Rawson added and took away the Dalmatians' spots with harmless vegetable dyes.

Information from the Disney homepage (www.disney.com)

'Tis the season for holiday films

Here's a list of flicks to help get you into the spirit...

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Knights struggle, fall to Augsburg, 72-67

by Greg Berry
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team almost pulled off its first win of the season against Augsburg College last Tuesday.

Augsburg walked away with the win, 72-67.

"We need to run the offense," Matt Wheeler said. "He [Head Coach Marty Simmons] wants the offense to be second nature."

Wartburg managed to stay with the Auggies in the first half, shooting 32.3 percent from the field.

The Knights and Auggies went into halftime deadlocked at 28 points.

The Knights came out in the second half shooting well and nailing over 75 percent of their three pointers.

However, Wartburg was plagued by turnovers which helped Augsburg down the stretch.

Freshman guard Erik Book led all Knight scorers with a season high 16 points. To go along with Book's scoring efforts he distributed the ball well, recording five assists.

Travis Montgomery and Rich Kloster also scored in double figures with 14 points and 13 points, respectively.

The Knights barely edged the Auggies on the boards.

Leading the way for Wartburg was Bryan Myers with 10 boards while freshman Matt Wheeler pulled down eight boards of his own in his varsity debut.

JV women defeat William Penn

by Mike Dart
Staff Writer

The women junior varsity basketball team earned a split this week in their first games of the year, losing to University of Wisconsin-Platteville and defeating William Penn.

Against Platteville, the Knights lost a tough one, 64-59. They were led by Carrie Hansen, who led the team with 16 points.

Tammi Roberts also had a good outing with 12 points.

"We are starting to come together as a team," said JV Coach Dawn Keller. "The team defense is improving, along with the rebounding."

Leading rebounder in the game was Hansen, eight, with Jessica Sandvold also grabbing seven.

"We worked hard," said Hansen. "Although we came up at the short end, we started to play well together."

Katrina Schuknecht led the team with eight assists, and also scoring 10.

In Saturday's game against William Penn, the women were ready to go and it showed. They were able to defeat the Lady Statesmen, 73-39.

The team was led by Felicia Smith who scored 12, with Schuknecht adding 11 and Heidi Gasior adding nine.

"We played our best game of the year," said Keller. "Everyone played great. I am very happy."

Schuknecht led the Knights in rebounding with 11 along with dishing out four assists.

Jodi Collen added five boards, along with Kristy Loy, who also had five. Juliana DeWild led the team with three assists.

"We improved a lot in each game," said Schuknecht. "Our defense improved, which let us be able to control the game better. We were able to run our offense better to get good shots."

The Trumpet's Athlete of the Week

Photo by Nathan Friesen

UP THE MIDDLE—Sophomore Trevor Shannon dives for the final inches of a drive to score against the Spartans at the Homecoming football game on Oct. 25.

Shannon among nation's best

by Greg Berry
Staff Writer

In only his second year as a Knight running back, Trevor Shannon has become one of the most celebrated players in the team's history.

Shannon found his way onto the second team of the Dan Hansen Football Gazette's All-West region team.

Shannon also ran his way into Iowa Conference and team record books numerous times during the year.

During the close loss to Loras College, Shannon raced for a school record 342 yards, breaking Gary Nelson's 1968 record of 323.

This performance by Shannon was his fifth highest for the 1996 Division III season.

In the same game, the Loras Duhawks could not stop Shannon from finding the end zone. He ran for four scores that game, tying a record that was first set by Kevin Hudson and equaled in 1995 by Chad Briggs.

Shannon continued to score with frequency throughout the year and later tied the record again in the finale against Luther.

Shannon's 14.2 points per game ranked second in the nation among all Division III players.

The average came off a school record 142 points, which shattered the old record of 120, previously set in 1982 by Mike Ward.

Shannon's all-around game was also apparent in kick-off returns. Shannon led the nation with a 35.8 yard per kickoff average.

His longest kickoff return of 100 yards set a conference record, breaking Wartburg's Dennis Washington's mark in 1982 also against Luther.

While averaging 201.4 yards per game, Shannon finished the season ranked sixth in the nation in all-purpose yards, tallying 2,014 yards total.

Shannon's statistics are encouraging for Wartburg football. With two years left to play, Shannon has no idea what the future holds.

"I haven't necessarily focused on myself," he said. "I want to do the best I can for the team."

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Wrestlers pound all opponents throughout week

William Penn, Luther and Dubuque all tried their hand at stopping Wartburg last week, but to no avail. Several individual wrestlers then traveled to the UNI Open and had a strong showing there as well.

by Chad Gade
Staff Writer

Wartburg continued to show opponents why they are the No. 1 ranked team in Division III this week with convincing wins over three conference teams.

On Tuesday night, William Penn and Luther came to take on the Knights. Colby Yoder (142) and Carson Andorf (167) were the only Wartburg wrestlers to have matches against William Penn because of William Penn's low numbers of wrestlers. Yoder won 12-5 and Andorf won with a pin in the first period.

John Rieser (134) started the rout against Luther in an exhibition match, winning 13-6. Ryan Cunningham (118) recorded a technical fall in the third period, putting Wartburg ahead in the team race 5-0. Defending national champion Tom Smith wrestled for the first time of the year at 126.

"It was good to be back," said Smith after his match.

He won by technical fall, as did Dusty Rhodes at 134. Luther finally got on the scoreboard with Wartburg's Troy Pelenka losing by a pin in the third period at 142.

In one of the most exciting matches of the night, Kevin Miller (150) fought off a late take down attempt to win 5-3, putting the team score at 18-6.

At 158, Greg Halsor overpowered his opponent and pinned him in the first period. Mike Alesch (167) needed overtime to win his match, 3-1.

At 177, Ben Jobgen followed Halsor and threw his opponent in the first period. Blake Williams scored Wartburg's final points of the night with a 23-8 technical fall in the third period.

Matt Powelka, heavyweight, couldn't get a late takedown and lost 5-3. The final team score was Wartburg over Luther, 38-9.

On Thursday, the Knights traveled to Dubuque to take on the tenth-rated Loras Duhawks.

The first match would be the only points scored by the Duhawks. Ryan Cunningham lost in sudden death, 11-9.

The rest of the way out Wartburg dominated. Smith got a pin in the first peroid to put the Knights on top for good.

Rhodes also recorded a pin in the third period and Troy Pecenka won by decision.

Miller pinned his opponent in the second period to put the team score at 18-3.

Photo by Kate Kelting

READY TO LOCK HORNS—Senior Kevin Miller gets set to do battle with an opponent in Knights Gymnasium last Tuesday. Wartburg finshed off the week handling three conference schools with ease, including the tenth ranked Dubuque DuHawks. The Knights will return to action on Dec. 14 when they host the Dick Walker Invitational.

At 158, Wartburg's Halsor came back in the final period to beat an All-American, 6-5, in what was supposed to be the key match of the night.

Mike Alesch won by decision 6-2, as did Chris Ortner (177), 7-4. Williams won 5-2.

At heavyweight Powelka ended the Wartburg rout with a 15-7 decision in the final match of the night.

"I thought we wrestled really hard," said Head Coach Jim Miller.

The final team score of the meet was Wartburg 36, Loras 3.

On Saturday, several Wartburg wrestlers traveled to the University of Northern Iowa to compete on an individual basis in the UNI Open.

Smith won the 126-pound title for the Knights, while Ryan Cunningham (118), Halsor and Powelka all finished fourth at the meet.

Women's basketball falls short of three straight victories

Photo by Nathan Friesen

BREAK AWAY— Sophomore Jill Baethke completes a break-away score in the basketball game Tuesday in Knights Gymnasium.

After coming off two straight victories against Coe and U-W Platteville, Viterbo College stole the fire from the Wartburg women, handing them a 68-63 loss at home on Saturday.

by Larry Johnson
Staff Writer

After having an early season two-game winning streak, the women's basketball team was unable to capture a third straight victory Saturday night, falling to Viterbo College in a nail-biter, 68-63.

"Right now we are really having a problem with inconsistent efforts from the players. I never know who is going to show up each night and play hard for the entire game," said Head Coach Monica Severson.

The game started off well for the Knights. They were able to build a double-digit lead at one point during the first half.

Before going into halftime, the Knights led Viterbo by four, 32-28.

Leading the way for the women were Dawn Matthias and Holly Wulkow, both of whom have been giving the team a lift during the two-game winning streak.

Wulkow topped the Knights in scoring, putting forth 11 points and five rebounds. Matthias wasn't far behind, adding 10 points and three boards.

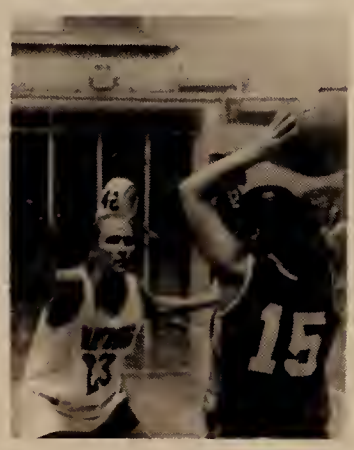
"I really think that we have showed a lot of improvement since our first game, but we still have a long way to go," said Matthias.

The Knights had problems collecting defensive rebounds near the end of the game, giving the V-Hawks numerous second-chance points down the stretch.

Virterbo College (6-2) had an overall good performance on the night.

Three players scored in double figures and one other was not far behind.

Viterbo senior CoriAnn Iverson was a one-woman machine, playing sort of like someone else named Iverson, collecting a double double with 22 points and 11 rebounds.



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APPLYING PRESSURE—Guard Pam Stamper tightens up her defense during action against U-W Platteville at home last week.

"Most of our problems are mental right now," Severson said. "It all comes down to who wants to give the effort for the entire game instead of just playing a few minutes hard and going easy the rest of the time."

The next game for the Knights will be on the road Saturday, Dec. 14, against Grinnell.